



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact M. Castain.

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences



Sponsor: Journal of Solid Waste Technology and Management

Mar 30-Apr 2	23 rd International Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management	Philadelphia, PA	Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, 610-499-4041, solid.waste@widener.edu
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Jun 23-27	8 th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. Nurturing Mother Earth	Billings, MT	Allyson Kelley at 406 252-2550 or go to: http://www.ntcem8.org/
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Sponsor: Indigenous Environment Network (IEN)

Jul 17-20	Protecting Mother Earth's Call for Healing—Reaffirming Our Roots	Lee, NV	IEN 218-751-4967, ien@igc.org
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Trainings and Workshops



Princeton Groundwater, Inc.

Feb 4-8 and Mar 3-7	The Groundwater and Pollution Hydrology Course	San Francisco, CA and Orlando, FL	info@Princeton-Groundwater.com or call (813) 964-0800
Apr 28-May 2	The Remediation Course	Las Vegas, NV	info@Princeton-Groundwater.com or call (813) 964-0800



Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

Apr 7-11 and May 5-9	The Complete Ground Water Monitoring Field Course	San Diego, CA and Columbus, OH	See below
Apr 9-11 May 7-9	The Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA and Columbus, OH	See Below
Mar 11-14	The Environmental Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	See Below
Apr 14-15 and May 1-13	The Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA and Columbus, OH	See Below
Apr 7-8 and	Ground-Monitoring Well Design, Construction and Development	San Diego, CA and Columbus, OH	See Below

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors & laboratory staff, government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff: petrochemical, stility, landfill, manufacturing, mining and others, DOD/DOE Environmental Staff & Contractors. These courses meet the continuing education requirements of the State Certification Programs for: Massachusetts Licensed Site Professionals, Connecticut Licensed Environmental Professionals, Oklahoma Remediation Consultants, TCEQ Corrective Action Project Managers, Iowa & Florida

Landfill Operators, Iowa & Nebraska Water Well Contractors, Nebraska Monitoring Technicians, New Mexico Well Drilling Contractors, Ohio Voluntary Action Program Certified Professionals, West Virginia Licensed Remediation Specialists For more information email the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com.



Sponsor: Region 9 Tribal Program Office, EPA

Mar 11-13	Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Workshop & Training for <u>new</u> environmental directors and staff	San Francisco, CA	Tim Grant, 415-972-3783 or grant.timothy@epa.gov
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Institute for Tribal Environmental Professions (ITEP)

Feb. 12-14	Data Analysis and Interpretation	Tempe, AZ	Lydia.scheer@nau.edu or call 928-5236887
Mar 4-7	Air Pollution and Ecosystems	Las Vegas, NV	Lydia.scheer@nau.edu or call 928-5236887

ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a catalog of courses, call Lydia Scheer, or visit: [**http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp)



Sponsor: International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management

Mar 24-25	The National Environmental Policy Act in Indian Country	Denver, CO	Mervyn Tano, 303-733-0481 or mervtano@iiirm.org ; or go to www.iiirm.org
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Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center

Mar 19-20	Contaminant Chemistry and Transport in Soil and Groundwater	Sacramento, CA	206-762-1976; http://www.nwetc.org
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Sponsor: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs

Feb 27-28	Home energy efficiency	Denver, Co	**see below
Mar 18-19	Home energy efficiency	Seattle, WA	** see below
Apr. 15-16	Home energy efficiency	Portsmouth, NH	**see below
May 5-6	Home energy efficiency	Anchorage, AK	**see below

These 2-day informational workshops focus on homes energy efficiency and comfort, as well as indoor air quality, renewable energy resources, and mold and moisture prevention. The workshops also feature hands-on demonstrations of energy efficiency products. Registration is free. Register and receive logistical information for trainings online at www.firstpic.org. For more information contact Rebecca Smith, Conference Coordinator, 315-218-6261 or email at rsmith@firstpic.org .

Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

ITCA will provide tribal operators reimbursement for travel and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. Your participation ensures that the tribal water operator certification program continues to meet your needs.

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program

EPA's CARE Cooperative Agreement Request for Proposals (RFP) for 2008 is now available on-line at: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0802. Applications for the CARE grants are due March 17, 2008. Eligible applicants include county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities. EPA will conduct conference calls on Feb. 11 (1:00 to 2:30 p.m.) and Feb. 27 (10:00 to 2:00 p.m.), all on eastern time, for prospective applicants to ask questions about the application process. For more information contact Becki Derr, Lead Region Coordinator for the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, 206.553.6389 or e-mail: derr.rebecca@epa.gov. The CARE website has additional information related to the CARE RFP, including the upcoming Q&A Web casts, so also visit: <http://www.epa.gov/CARE>

Water Pollution Control Program

Region 9's Water Division Tribal Office has distributed its FY08 Tribal CWA Section 106 (Water Pollution Control Program) Grant Funding Announcement to all Region 9 Tribes. The announcement can be obtained at the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/pdf/fy08-tribal106-grant-announce.pdf>.

Application deadlines are as follows:

<u>Submission Dates</u>	<u>Due on this day, not postmarked.</u>	
All applicants	Draft workplans	February 1, 2008
All applicants	Final grant application	April 1, 2008 and final workplan

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have

funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)



Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

USDA requests proposals for the CIG Program for projects that stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG targets on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. \$20 million is expected to be available, up to 60 awards anticipated. Responses are due February 20. For more information, contact Tessa Chadwick at tessa.chadwick@wdc.usda.gov or go to: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/>.

Tribal Colleges – AG Alternative Energy and Sustainability

USDA requests proposals from 1994 Land-Grant Institutions for the Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program. Eligible institutions may propose projects in any discipline of the food and agricultural sciences. Examples include, but are not limited to: Research on alternative energy sources, biotechnology, sustainable agriculture, sustainable forestry and waste management. \$1 million is expected to be available and individual awards NTE \$150K. For more information, contact Salei'a Afele-Fa'amuli at sfaamuli@csrees.usda.gov or go to: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal_research.html.

Tribal Colleges – AG Efficiency and Bioenergy

USDA requests capacity building proposals from 1994 Land-Grant Institutions for the Tribal Colleges Extension Program. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Projects that increase knowledge of bioenergy and biomass conversion assist farmers and ranchers to increase efficiency of agricultural production systems, and/or improve management of forest and rangelands, including land, air and water. \$945K expected to be available, no max or minimum funding specified. For more information, contact Joan Gill at serdegrants@csrees.usda.gov or go to: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/tribal_extension.html.

Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:

Wildlife Conservation Board Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection. Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines are available on the WCB's web page. http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp

California Department of Water Resources 2008 Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation

The 2008 Draft Proposal Solicitation Package for Agricultural and Urban Water Use Efficiency Grants under Proposition 50 is expected to be released in January. This grant program will primarily fund projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide multi-benefits such as water savings or in-stream flows and timing, water

quality, and energy savings. Benefits can be local, to the Bay-Delta or to the State. Cost-sharing is required but, disadvantaged communities can request full cost of projects with no local cost-sharing. The total amount available for the 2008 Grant Funding Cycle is \$35.3 million. One unique component of the 2008 Grant Program is the availability of technical assistance provided by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Self Help Enterprise to identify projects and develop proposals for tribal and disadvantaged communities. For more information, go to: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/docs/2004Apps/2004-049.pdf>, or contact Wayne Verrill, 916 653-4863 or wverrill@water.ca.gov

Environmental Reporting

The Metcalf Institute for Marine & Environmental Reporting is requesting applications for Diversity Fellowships in Environmental Reporting, a 42-week fellowship program that provides traditionally under-represented minority journalists with an opportunity to learn basic science, gain environmental research and reporting skills, and apply new knowledge and skills in a reporting assignment. \$28K stipend is included and six awards are anticipated. Responses are due March 18, 2008. For more information, go to: http://www.metcalfinstitute.org/fellowships/apply_diversity.htm.

Social Entrepreneurship Funding Opportunity

The Skoll Foundation requests proposals for Social Entrepreneurship Awards to people whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time in the areas of environmental sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, economic and social equity, peace and security. These awards provide later-stage funding, which is generally structured as a \$1 million award paid out over three years. In most cases, the grant is provided for core support to help organizations expand their programs and capacity to deliver long-term, sustainable equilibrium change. Applications are received year round. For more information, go to: <http://www.skollfoundation.org>.

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Aid to Vulnerable Communities Impacted by the Southern California Wildfires

The California Endowment announced its commitment of \$750,000 to provide wildfire relief and aid to the often-overlooked communities impacted by the disaster in Southern California. The Endowment will make grants to nonprofit organizations and clinics providing health and supportive services to low-income children and families in need, particularly those with chronic respiratory conditions like asthma. This includes displaced farm workers and day laborers, Native Americans whose reservations suffered fire damage, and those living in remote, rural areas where there are few community-based organizations that are able to meet the community's needs when disaster strikes. For more information, visit The Endowment's Web site at www.calendow.org or call Jeff Okey, 213-928-8622 or email jokey@calendow.org

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

Economic Development

The U.S. Economic Development Administration requests proposals under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, and the Trade Act of 1974. This program supports projects that promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. \$250.7 million is expected to be available, proposals accepted on a continuous basis. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13169&mode=VIEW>.

Employment Opportunities



Intern for Tribal Energy Program, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

Current college upper-classmen and graduate students, who are familiar with Native American culture and tribal issues, are needed to support the Tribal Energy Program efforts with technical project tasks. Interactions will be with Sandia's renewable energy staff, Native American tribes interested in renewable systems and Sandia's American Indian Outreach Committee. Travel will be required, including field visits to renewable energy projects. For more information, contact Sandra K. Begay-Campbell Sandia National Laboratories, 505-884-5418 or skbegay@sandia.gov. Application must be postmarked: February 22, 2008. Sandia will pay relocation expenses (mileage and per diem or round-trip airfare) for a school site more than 50 miles from Albuquerque, NM

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator for San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

Under the direction of the Environmental Protection Manager, the GIS Coordinator is responsible for all aspects of GIS of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. The GIS Coordinator will maintain all maps, personnel and geo-databases, and Global Positioning System (GPS) systems. The GIS Coordinator will also support other Tribal departmental GIS needs. For more information, contact Becky J. Ross, Environmental Manager, 909-425-3590, x 4320, bross@sanmanuel-nsn.gov, or Marylou Williams, 909-425-4800 ext. 4418, Mwilliams@sanmanuel.com

Global Warming Internship

National Wildlife Federation's Alaska office recruits and mobilizes citizens in Alaska to help protect wildlife and wild places in part by combating global warming. The office's efforts on climate change range from policy work to help Alaska develop a clean energy future to youth leadership training on climate change to education of Alaskans on national climate issues. The office seeks an energetic self-starter for a nine-month paid internship to begin as soon as possible in Anchorage, AK. The position is 40 hours a week, and offers a \$384/week stipend plus core benefits. The intern will gain substantive experience, including opportunities to contribute to the state climate policy-making process. To apply go to www.nwf.org/careergateway/. For questions call Jim Adams, 907-339-3902

Resource Technician for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is also accepting applications for a Resource Technician. Incumbent will direct/administer all aspects of the Tribe's geographical information system. For more information, please contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email: william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org

Job Openings and Civil Service Exams:

Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has openings for engineers, environmental scientists, toxicologists, industrial hygienists, engineering geologists, chemists, and criminal investigators. Positions are located in the Sacramento HQ office, as well as in regional offices in Berkeley, Sacramento, Glendale, Cypress, Clovis, San Diego, and Calexico. Applications for civil service exams for these positions are being accepted on a continuous basis. Web site: Employment with DTSC: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Employment/index.cfm>

Environmental Coordinator for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe of northwestern Nevada is accepting applications for an Environmental Coordinator. Incumbent will lead the Tribe's efforts to develop and implement an Environmental Plan to attain the Tribe's goals. Contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email: william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org

Environmental Director, Campo Indian Reservation

The Campo Indian Reservation has an opening for an environmental director. This person will direct environmental programs for the tribe, such as water issues, drinking water, non point source, emergency response, solid waste, and air. Solid waste includes the permitting and regulatory oversight of a commercial waste facility. Director will report to Campo Tribal Administrator. The Campo Indian Reservation is located in the southeast quarter of San Diego County. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under applicable Federal and Tribal laws. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled. Please submit your resume Attention: Councilman Connolly, 36190 Church Road, Campo, CA 91906 or call Lisa Gover at 619-478-9046.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department Environmental Coordinator, performs field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance. This position requires a Bachelors Degree and directly relevant experience in air quality a plus. For more information contact Human Resources, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Fantasy Springs Resort, Paul Soama, 760-342-2593, ext. 85751

Miscellaneous Items of Interest

Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO) recruiting candidates for Ambassadors Program

This program is open to Native Americans (including Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, federally and non-federally recognized tribes, and urban and reservation residents) from the United States between the ages of 25-35. Ambassadors remain in their communities and come together for four group meetings in and outside the U.S. Interested emerging leaders must submit an official application, including two nominations and a proposal outlining

a plan for a community-based project. For more information please contact Ron Martinez Looking Elk, Ambassador Program Recruitment Coordinator at +1 505-842-8677 or rmlookingelk@aio.org

Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators

A new website is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes courses from many training providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to betanzo.elin@epa.gov. The website can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

Young Eco-Hero

Action for Nature invites applications for the International Young Eco-Hero Awards, to recognize the individual accomplishments of young people, ages 8 to 16, for their outstanding accomplishments in environmental advocacy, environmental health, research, or protection of the natural world. Up to \$500 is available for each Eco-Heroes. Responses are due February 28. For more information, go to: <http://www.actionfornature.org/eco-hero/ecoheroawards.html>

Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians

The Department of Interior, OST for American Indians manages more than \$67 million in Indian Trust accounts for more than 63,000 account holders whose whereabouts are currently unknown due to outdated or incomplete contact information. OST is searching for these people to distribute their funds to them. To find out if you or someone you know is on this OST list, visit their Web site at www.doi.gov/ost and click on "Locating IIM Account Holders". The Trust Beneficiary Call Center toll free number is 1-888-678-6836 or letters may be sent to:

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians
Attn: Address Change
4400 Masthead Street, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Article and film regarding the Western Shoshone and Carrie Dann

This film has been awarded the Best Documentary award at the 32nd Annual American Indian Film Festival. Check it out at: <http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/dec2007/2007-12-06-01.asp> and 25 minutes of the film is accessible on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffYNzUDR-6k>

Department of Energy (DOE) Tribal Energy Program Student Internships for Native American Students

DOE's Tribal Energy Program is offering summer internships to Native American students who are interested in renewable energy and who are currently college upper-classmen or graduate students. To be considered for the 2008 summer program, applications must be received by February 22, 2008. For more on the program, go to <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/internships.cfm>. For questions, contact Sandra K. Begay-Campbell, Sandia National Laboratories at 505-844-5418 or skbegay@sandia.gov.

The Region 9 Pesticides Office seeks input on proposed Funding Criteria

Region 9's Pesticides Office is reexamining the approach used to select tribal programs for funding and the amount of funds each tribal program receives. Our goal continues to be to provide the widest possible coverage in Indian country, ensuring that the tribes with the greatest potential for exposure to pesticide risks have pesticide program coverage. EPA currently provides ongoing pesticide program funding to fourteen tribes and one tribal consortium in Region 9. As additional tribes express interest in pesticide funding, resource allocation decisions are becoming more critical. The Region 9 Pesticide Office is proposing the establishment of criteria against which we can prioritize requests for continuing cooperative agreements. The proposed criteria are:

- Population - Number of residents (tribal members and others) living within reservation boundaries;
- Acreage - Number of acres within reservation boundaries; and
- Agricultural Acreage - Number of acres within reservation boundaries that produce an agricultural crop.

We will also consider special issues such as continuity of programs, weed control, structural applications, and performance under the grant. If you want more information or wish to provide comments on this effort, contact Pam Cooper at (415) 947-4217 or via e-mail at cooper.pam@epa.gov.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, mbinder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, mtunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS)

OAQPS has released two documents for review and comment concerning Indian tribes. The first document, entitled Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments, is OAQPS' guidance to its staff on how they should determine if EPA actions have potential effects or impacts on tribes, and how the Agency should conduct outreach and collaboration while not ignoring its responsibility to fully consult with such tribes. It is important to note that this guidance is subject to change or could be preempted by a forthcoming Agency-wide consultation policy currently under development. The second document, entitled The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards Tribal Program Plan 2008-2013, outlines OAQPS' tribal priorities and its plans for addressing these priorities. The priorities are intended to be carried out in concert with the Office of Air and Radiation Strategy. Comments may be submitted directly to Yvonne Johnson at johnson.yvonne@epa.gov. To view these documents, click or paste on the browser the following address.

<http://www.epa.gov/oar/tribal/pdfs/Tribal%20Guidance%20and%20Policy%20Final%20Draft.pdf>

American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has also developed a tribal portal to help American Indian communities and supporters locate tribal related information within EPA and other government agencies. Visit the American Indian Tribal Portal (<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal>) and let AIEO know what you think of the Web site and how it can be improved. For more information, contact Candi Schaedle, 202-564-6121 or email schaedle.candi@epa.gov

Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTToolkit.html>

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

National Response Center (NRC)

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)

USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=259>

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs



Tribal model environmental codes developed by NIJC with a grant from EPA:

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>

<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>

These are very comprehensive ordinances.

<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>

<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>

<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>

<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>

<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>

<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>

<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>

<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>